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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: POST-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION: MEDLINE
INTERNATIONAL, DUBAI, UAE.

REF: USDOC 0335

¶1. Reftel requested that post conduct post-shipment verifications at Medline International, Jebal Ali Free Zone, Dubai, UAE for the shipment of a Universal Microplate Reader and Auto Plate Washer both exported as No License Required by BioTek Instruments Inc., Winooski, VT.

¶2. Export Control Officer (ECO) was unable to identify contact information for Medline International in the UAE. Local commercial resources including the Jebel Ali Free Zone and Dubai Chamber directories have no reference for Medline. An internet search shows a Canadian based Medline (www.medline.com/International) which only has an Israel office in the Middle East region.) The phone number provided in supporting documentation is for Air Link International, a large scale freight forwarder/shipping firm located in the Jebel Ali Free Zone.

¶3. On February 11, 2009 ECO contact a Mr. Prakash, Customer Service Representative (U.S. Shipments), Air Link International, Jebal Ali Free Zone. ECO provided the shipment details for these transactions and explained the Air Link was also listed as a Consignee along with Medline on shipping documentation. Prakash advised he had no records associated with these shipments nor was he aware of a Medline International. He explained that Air Link's contract with the U.S. shipping agent (Schenker Inc, Freeport, NY) ended nearly two years back. He also explained that Air Link changed its software systems shortly thereafter and as such they would not have the ability determine the shipping details that far back.

¶4. Post considers this PSV to be inconclusive as we are unable to locate Medline International in the UAE.

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